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EVALUATE MIRACLES

WASHINGTON (EP)--Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor of Christianity Today, has called for the creation of an agency to evaluate reports of miraculous healings.

"I believe in miracles and in divine healing", Dr. Lindsell said. "But the 'economy of miracles' suggests that they are infrequent; otherwise the word 'miracle' loses its meaning. The miracle business is getting out of hand. The time has come for evangelicals to adopt a cautious attitude toward extravagant claims and to reject accounts that are unsubstantiated. Common sense and belief in miracles should go hand in hand."

NEW SCHULLER CHURCH

LOS ANGELES (EP)-- Dr. Robert Schuller, pastor of the famous drive-in walk-in Garden Grove Community Church near Disneyland, now plans to build a branch near Disney World in Florida.

"The Florida church will be almost entirely a ministry to older people," he said, adding that its site near Disney World was "coincidental." The 10-acre site was donated by the developer of an adjacent mobile home park.

Dr. Schuller hopes to form the Florida congretation from among "shivering senior citizens in northern U.S. cities (and Canada)" who faithfully watch his Hour of Power television program.

JAPANESE SEND FUNDS

TOKYO (EP)--Hearing of the severe winter in the United States, and of the deprivation in certain areas, Japanese Christians collected $1,500 and sent it as relief funds to the Baptist General Conference of America to distribute among the hardest hit by an unusual winter.

"We pray this small contribution will be an expression of our brotherhood in Christ," the accompanying letter said.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH GROWS

TORONTO,ONT. (EP)--Pentecostal churches in French-speaking Quebec have been opening at the phenomenal rate of a church-a-month over the past two years, according to reports of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

"The interest shown by young people toward Christian work in Quebec has been the greatest ever", the report said.

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Easter issue

Ontario college appoints director

The churches in Jerusalem today is the topic of a special report in this issue on page 8

The Ontario Christian College Association recently announced the appointment of Dr.Theodore Plantinga as its first staff member. Dr.Plantinga will serve as development director for the association.

Dr.Plantinga is a young, articulate scholar who received his Ph.D.degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto in 1975. He has taught at both the elementary and university level and is familiar to the Reformed community through articles in Vanguard, The Guide and Calvinist Contact.

Dr.Plantinga presently lives in St. Catharines with his wife Mary and young son and is employed as an editor and translator by Paideia Press. Because of his commitment to Paideia Press, Dr.Plantinga will be serving the association on a part-time basis.

During the next months Dr.Plantinga will pursue all possibilities for the proposed college to affiliate with an existing university.Establishing such a tie is necessary since the Ontario government has adopted the policy of not granting any charters at present. Consequently Dr.Plantinga will be setting up meetings with persons of consequence in university circles and in the Ministry of Education. He must bring to this work a good knowledge of the structure of a university. He will need to be both aggressive and tactful. Readers of Calvinist Contact, please ask God to bless the sensitive work which he must do for the association.

The board of directors of the Ontario Christian College Association continues, through its committees, to work in a spirit of positive expectation. The education committee has an important mandate: 1. to draw up a statement of educational principles, 2. to shape a curriculum of humanities and social sciences, and 3. to discuss possibilities for teacher education and for continuing adult education. Members of this committee are Ray Sikkema, chairman, Phil Bom, Justin Cooper, Wayne Drost, Garry Hofstra, and Bill Kamphuis. Communications can be sent to the secretary, Justin Cooper, 106 Miller Street, Toronto M6N 2Z9.

The Ontario Christian College Association is seeking your membership. Although full-scale promotion cannot begin until a form of recognition is secured, a broad base of support adds weight to the negotiations now going on. Send your membership fee of $25 to Paul Senechal, treasurer, 479 Crosby Avenue, Burlington L7R 2R6.

The free 20-page booklet "Blueprint for an Ontario Christian College" is available upon request.

So let it shine–Sonlight '77

by Jack DeVries
Sonlight committee

So let your light shine before all men. In close to three months, over 600 young people will be heading out to Queen's University in Kingston, Ont. to attend the annual All Ontario Young People's Convention.

The Lord has blessed the convention greatly by moving the hearts of over 6oo youth from Ontario to send in their registrations. The Sonlight 77 convention,May 20-23 is already booked full. Praise the Lord. We are sorry that some of the young people willing to come are being turned back now. From the immense response that the convention has been getting, we can see the great need that there really is for an annual convention.

The convention board appreciates the number of prayers that have been given on the convention's behalf. Since the number of registrations is over the limit, the registrations received now will be kept in case of some cancelations. Those who are registered for the convention will have packages sent out to them. In those packages all necessary information will be included.

At the convention, there will be a night set out so that all league talent can be shared with the conventioneers. Those individuals or groups who wish to share their God-given gifts should submit their names to their league secretaries. One other item that conventioneers can start on is making a banner. This banner, expressing the theme of the convention, should be no larger than six feet by six feet. In both the talent and the banner contests, trophies will be given out to the best group or individual ventures.

On the Sunday evening of the convention, there will be a mass service for all conventioneers and the surrounding churches. Rev. Jack Quartel will lead the service. We extend a welcome to all those interested to share with the conventioneers what it really means to live in the "SONLIGHT". This evening service will start at 7:30. It will be held on campus. This will be an excellent opportunity for the whole family to get a taste of a young people's convention.

At this convention no one will be allowed who has not registered. The convention is limited to only those who have registered and have been accepted.

The Isralites in the old testament had a light, a tongue of fire, to direct their way. We in new testament times also have a light. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet." From May 20 - 23 young people from over all Ontario will be nourished with this Sonlight and they will learn how to live as shiny beacons on top of a hill.

Our fault

Mechanical difficulties in our mailing-addressing machinery resulted in a two day delay in mailing of last week's issue of Calvinist Contact. Please accept our apologies.

VIEWPOINT

All that suffering...for us

by Keith Knight

Every spring, as new life blossoms forth, Christians around the world celebrate Easter. It is appropriate that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ comes at a time when the ground sprouts new growth for Jesus' resurrection gives His children the same sort of spiritual newness.

In this time of lent we can reflect upon Jesus' last days on earth and His personal preparation for His physical death. It is indeed good that the Easter celebration has kept its spiritual significance entact within the world... at least when one considers the materialism surrounding Christmas.

It is also refreshing that Easter, as the Christian's most significant religious celebration, has not fallen by the sword of worldly materialism, as has happened in the Christmas observance. It affords us the opportunity to focus more meaningfully upon the significance of Easter -- Christ's death and ressurection.

The observance of lent is often confined to Sunday worship services in which pastors and ministers expound on the events leading up to Easter. However, the time of preparation should reach beyond that into the home and it should be an ongoing process. The significance of the suffering of Christ can and should effectively be carried out as part of family devotions around the supper table or in the evening.

What preparations didn't you go through for Christmas? You were busy in preparing for Christmas.

But if we dare become that involved in the celebration of Christ's birth, how much more shouldn't we become prepared in the celebration of His death and resurrection? The importance of Easter in 1977 will be stressed again in our Easter issue next week.

Just prior to His betrayal by Judas, Jesus was engaged in one of his usual prayer sessions on the Mount of Olives. We realize only too well that, if Jesus saw the need to pray to His heavenly Father repeatedly, how much more shouldn't we be engaged in similar knee-bending activity.

Even though Jesus was God's Son, without sin, we read that He prayed more earnestly. "And His sweat was like drops of blood falling on the ground", Luke says. He asked if the burden of death on the cross could be taken from Him "but an angel from heaven strengthened Him."

We see the need during this time of lent to reflect on Jesus' suffering just prior to going to the cross. We see the agony which Jesus experienced as a sinless human being. He realized that His life was coming to an end, that He was approaching that day which He had preached about for years. We read how His friends betrayed Him, how He was scourned by his fellow countrymen, despised, rejected, and even His own Father told Him that the time had come for Him to end His stay on earth ...but He had to die first.

We read of His trial before Pilate, the abuse, the crown of thorns, the walk to Golgotha. And we can hear our Lord cry out to His Father: "Why? Just let this cup pass me by. Just let me escape this last bit of suffering."

But His Father said: "For the sake of my children, my Son. You must die for them."

That is where we find Jesus during this time of lent. We see Him standing before the cross. We see Him reflecting on His life on earth. It is time for us also to reflect upon the life of Jesus. We think of Christmas with the manger and the coming of the promised Messiah. We think of the abundance of miracles and the wisdom of Jesus during His short life on earth. But now we approach Easter, which is what Jesus' life was all about. Born to die. We will reflect on that next week.

Keith Knight

NEWS VIEWS

The impact of metric conversion

OTTAWA-- Seven years ago the Canadian government received and adopted recommendations out of a white paper on metric conversion. The following year Metric Commission Canada was established and in 1974 the government approved the national program of guideline dates for metric conversion.

Out of those decisions in 1970 came the most thorough and comprehensive program of metric conversion ever conceived. It called for four phases: investigation to be completed in 1974, planning to be completed in 1975, scheduling to be completed in 1976 and implementation to begin in 1975 and peak in 1978 with a total conversion by 1980 at which point the economy will be working substantially in metric units.

We are approaching the peak in economic change with reference to the metric system. The public has already grown accustomed to the simplified form by converting temperature readings into degrees Celsius rather than Fahrenheit. Highway signs across Canada will be changing shortly, if they haven't already, to reflect kilometers rather than miles. That will affect both distance and speed limits.

The change to the metric system seems rather simple to us. We will soon grow accustom to buying gasoline and milk by the litre and coffee by the gram (if prices continue to increase the way they are) and we can surely cope with inflated waist measurements when we change from inches to centimetres.

But perhaps the most costly and the most time consuming conversion process comes in industry, every conceivable form of industry. Here is a partial list of those involved in costly conversion process, all of which will be in effect by 1980, just three years away: all forms of transportation, car manufacturing, shipbuilding, all forms of steel production, plastics industry, clothing, electrical and electronic development, agriculture, fishing, food, packaging, beverages, textiles, forestry, health and welfare, recreation, arts, labour organizations, education at all levels.

The impact on the entire nation is phenomenol but it is necessary for the development and existence of Canada as a neighbour in the world.

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THE WORLD AROUND US

by Dr.Louis Praamsma

Lalonde on abortion

According to the Toronto Star of March 5, the government will "launch a publicity campaign for planned parenthood and press the provinces to improve abortion services."

Health Minister Marc Lalonde said his department will come with "a policy of active promotion and publicity of family planning information." In addition he will urge provincial governments to establish special women's clinics that would combine abortion services, family planning and birth control counseling, cancer screening and other services related to pregnancy and women's health.

I was amazed to read these words, for several reasons. To say the least, the abortion issue is a very much disputed and a very disputable issue. Is it really the task of the minister of health to make a decision which by many Canadians will be considered to be a very unhealthy decision? Does it belong to his competence to press the provinces to improve abortion services? Public opinion must be known to him. According to a Gallup Poll on abortion, released August 20, 1975, by far the majority of the Canadian people did not like abortion; 76% of them rejected abortion-on-demand. The largest percentage of people to reject abortion-on-demand were to be found in the age group that accounts for most of the abortions being done: 78% of the age group of 18-29 rejected abortion-on-demand. Furthermore 72% of the age group of 30-49 rejected that abortion and 76% of those 50 years and older.

Perhaps in a year and a half some persons changed their opinion but it can be safely said that most of the Canadians are not in agreement with the abortion-on-demand movement. Who gives a minister the right, then, to boss the show and to challenge the public opinion? It is not a small matter that is at stake. It has to do with the highest values of our Judaeo-Christian heritage: the right to live! Must not a minister of health protect that right? Must he not stand up and say: it is a crime to kill a living human being, even if it did not yet see the light of the sun?

In February, 1975 a doctor in Boston, Dr. Edelin, was convicted of manslaughter, he had killed a 20 to 24-week old baby in the womb. He defended himself by saying that he was asked to perform an abortion and therefore had not wanted to call a pediatrician into the operating room, to save the life of the baby. A pediatrician is a children's doctor and the life of the unborn child of perhaps 5½ months old might have been saved. But the doctor did not want it because he only wanted to do the job he was called to do; the jury and the American people were shocked, however, because they were convinced by photographs of the aborted baby that it was a person with a right to legal protection.

But an abortion in that stage of human development is no exception; in 1973 about 650 abortions of unborn children of 20 to 24 weeks old were performed in Canada (According to a talk on the CBC Radio of C. Gwendolyn Landolt, president of the Alliance for Life). It is easy to talk about these things in an armchair. The word 'abortion' is an intellectual word and you can have a discussion about it in an ivory tower. But what is the reality?

That reality became visible in Jackson Heights, N.Y., when a yellow plastic bag was found on the street, containing six human fetuses. It had fallen off a truck carrying garbage to be incinerated. Police found the bag and its contents, some of which were scattered on the road after the fallen bag was hit by a car. A subsequent investigation revealed that the fetuses were the results of abortions performed at Elmhurst General Hospital.

The Right to Life Group of New York State reported that it received many calls from people who said that they were sickened by this happening. The theory is: abortion on demand. The reality is: little human bodies pushed as garbage in a bag in order to be incinerated. Would you be able to look at it? Would it be possible that a mother looks at it and ever forgets it?

In the Dutch Monthly for spiritual health Dr. Van Ussel asked (1972) the following question. He wrote: "It is strange. In books on primitive civilizations we read that abortion is the method of birth control of backward nations; only murder of children is worse. All agree in this judgment. But, if grand scale abortion is at stake in the first-class technical civilization of the west, the former evident disapproval is changed into a likewise evident approval. Is it still possible to call a society civilized, which creates the immense problem of undesired pregnancy, and offers only one solution: that of abortion?"

That was the question of Dr. Van Ussel. His answer was obvious: such a society is uncivilized. We would add: it is unchristian. It violates not only the right to live, but also the law of that God who has commanded: you shall not kill.

LETTERS

World Day of Prayer liturgy

Dear Sir:

It was a disappointment to me to read the letter of Rev.J.Mulder "Alarm about the World Day of Prayer" (Feb.4). The letter creates the impression that it was written with a desire to criticize and divide. The fact that the liturgy comes from behind the iron curtain seems to have something to do with it.

I always thought that the Church was purified in times of persecution. Anyway, I certainly do not believe that our affluent Western civilization is doing the Church any good. One of the main issues appears to be that the theme this year is stressing social action which according to Rev. Mulder "is not necessarily bad." It better not be!

When we analyze social action we see people on the receiving and people on the giving-end. There may be some disagreement in our ranks about people who "revolve" because they are suffering. However, I do not believe that Christians with their hand on the Bible can disagree on the principle of giving and caring.

A few points made in the letter are: "The liturgy only lists the commandments of the second table." So does the New Testament in several places. (Luke 18:20, Matth.19: 18 etc.). We ought to know that the first table of the law is concerning our relationship with God and the second with our relationship to our fellowmen. We also know that Jesus summed up the commandments in the Great Commandment to love God above all and the second which is like it to love our neighbour as ourselves.

We really should stop for a moment to consider what the meaning is of the words "like it". Whether it means "equal to it", it certainly means that the way we keep the second half of the law proves how serious we take the first half. These two cannot be separated, if we mention the first half we automatically mention the second and vise-versa.

The next point: "We believe that we must preach nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified." I have heard this statement since I was a child and I belive I know the true meaning of it: That in all our worship services and all our actions, Jesus Christ must be the beginning and the end, the foundation, the reason of it all and the culmination of it all. As such the liturgy is certainly part of that, if read with an open mind.

Further: "It says that God believes we are capable of keeping His Commandments." This is not an easy subject. I do not think anybody in this day and age can sincerely believe that people can be perfect. However, Jesus said to the rich man: If you want to be perfect give everything you own to the poor and follow me. His disciples had done exactly that and will sit on thrones and the same holds for all who have left houses, brothers, sisters etc. for His sake.

Finally, about the statement that supposedly will make a Christian "stop and gasp": He gave us His divinity and came into our frailty. Indeed, I did stop here but tried to learn and understand as I had to do in many more places. Because I am very much accustomed to our own liturgy and many repeated expressions. As a result I feel in danger of not staying alert and retaining a listening ear. What then is wrong with this statement? If the liturgy says that He gave us His divinity, does that mean that He therefore lost it? Does not Christ give us His Holy Spirit, Who is after all Divine? And did not Christ come down to earth, became a man, made of the soil of the earth as we are?

Surely, it is Rev.Mulder's own interpretation to say: "What can we receive from a Christ Who is now mere man" and "Christ risked His life and lost it in the process." Because in the liturgy this is neither stated nor intended. If that was the belief of the women in East Germany how could they let people pray to Jesus Christ!

I have to stop here. My letter is no attempt to be complete. I only wished to dc justice to the disputed liturgy and invite your readers to inform themselves and see if they would classify this as a "slick piece of Communist propaganda", "utter trash" and the like.

Keith Vanderkruk
Waterloo, Ont

Fighting God

Dear Sir:

I hope you will allow me to write some comments on your article, "The Evangelical Bandwagon", (Feb.18). I like concerned people; we should have more of them, but I cannot understand why you have so many doubts about these born again people mentioned in your article.

Two statements have really bothered me: "Has religion, faith, God, become so appealing that everybody wants to jump on the evangelical bandwagon?" "Thousands have joined the evangelical bandwagon and all is one jolly party." Please can you give some further clarification by what you mean by an evangelical bandwagon and a jolly party?

When you stated that it could be "the Holy Spirit at work or the devil at play" I started to think for an answer in God's Word. First of all, I looked up Acts 2:41. After one sermon of Peter, 3,000 were baptized. In Acts 4:4 five thousand believed the message of Peter and John. In that time faithful servants of the Lord, full of the Holy Ghost, spoke boldly about Jesus and God performed many miracles and wonders. The Bible teaches us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

In the time of the first apostles, people were also puzzled. In Acts 5 we read that the members of the council became furious and wanted to kill Peter and John but a wise man by the name of Gamaliel stood up and said: "Men of Israel, be careful what you are about to do. If these works are a man-made thing, it will disappear, but if it comes from God we had better be careful, for we could find ourselves fighting against God." In God's Word we find many examples of sinners who were saved by the grace of our loving God.

Paul was one of them. In Luke 19:7 we read that people were grumbling when Jesus went into the house of a sinner. What about the woman in Luke 7:36-48? Why should we have difficulties to believe that Jesus is still reaching out to sinners who are willing to repent from their sins? Have you ever talked to people who are delivered from the devil of alcohol or drugs by the power of God's Word? I have heard and seen young people praise the Lord for their deliverance. All what we can do then is pray that the Lord will lead them from there on. Let we become prayer partners so that more miracles will happen. Because it is a miracle for every sinner to be transformed and become a new creature. How beautiful is the story in Jeremiah 18. He is the potter, we are the clay. Even out of the most dirty clay the Potter, God, can make beautiful vessels. We can also learn from the story in Luke 14.

Many were invited but they

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The businessman's responsibility

Dear Sir:

With the decline of the economy this winter, there have developed some rather disturbing consequences in the business world.

Working closely with credit collections, I would like to share experiences that I am having recently. There are some very well respected and high positioned Christian Reformed businessmen who, because of the economy decline, were not blessed this year as they had originally planned. This resulted in a serious shortage of cash flow for them. There are very heavy contributions being made to the church and christian schools from this business sector, which is a wonderful thing.

Unfortunately on the darker side there are thousands and ten thousands of dollars that are not being paid to suppliers, some of them waiting six months to a year to be paid. These suppliers in the community are ignored, they receive no apologies for late payment. When they are paid, term discounts are deducted with no explanation, even though the accounts are past due. Fellow Christian Reformed debts are paid first so "they won't get the wrong impressions."

One so called christian businessman told me, "Don't take it so hard because that's how business works today and you have to do it to survive."

Business does not work that way and we as christians should not act in a manner thinking that it does. It is a shame that many times our charming Sunday enthusiasm and manners are not carried over to our weekly business dealings.

It is my feeling that instead of using business as a means for our economic survival we should use it as an area for christian witness where the community around us can appreciate and learn from honesty and integrity. If we operate in this fashion we can let the Lord decide whether we will show a profit or a loss at the end of our fiscal years.

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- to High River, Alta., and Houston, B.C., Rev. J.A.Petersen of Bozeman, Mont.

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did not come, then the Lord said: "Go into the streets and lanes and force them to come in. In John 17:20 Jesus is praying for His disciples but He also prays: "Not for them only but also for those who believe in me because of their message. May God grant us to become an evangelist. Let us pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. May then Psalm 105 be our aim: O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name; make known His name and deeds among the people; sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, tell of all His wondrous works, etc.

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Send replies to:
MR.L.GROENWOLD
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Calendar of EVENTS

April 5 Public speaking tour of Fred Vande Velde, Canadian Christian Education Foundation, Listowel, Ont., Atwood Community Hall, 8 p.m.

April 6 Public speaking tour Fred Vande Velde, Canadian Christian Education Foundation, Clinton, Ont. Chr.School, P.T.A. meeting, 8 p.m.

April 7 St.Thomas and Distr.Male Choir Crescendo will present a concert in Westmount CRC, Strathroy, Ont. 8 p.m.

April 8 Christian Choir "New Life" will present J.H.Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary". Concert to take place in the Maranatha CRC, 301 Scott St., St.Catharines, at 8 p.m.

April 16 Christian Labour Association of Canada 25th year Convention, Silverthorne Collegiate, Mill Rd., Etobicoke, Toronto, Ont.

April 17 Film "How Should We Then Live", by Dr.Francis Schaeffer, Toronto (Second) CRC, 8 p.m.

April 29 Marriage Enrichment Conference at Aurora Conference Centre, Aurora, Ont., April 29-31, sponsored by Salem Chr. Health Association.

April 30 Tenth annual meeting of Women's Action for the AACS, Brampton (Second) CRC, Ont., Steeles St. and McLaughlin

April 30 "Het Hing in de Lucht", Calvin Chr.School, Hamilton.

May 14 25th Anniversary choral concert by the Christian Choir "New Life" of St.Catharines, Ont., 301 Scott St., St.Catharines, Ont. 8 p.m.

May 15 Annual spring concert, St.Thomas and Distr.Male Choir Crescendo, First United Church, St.Thomas, Ont. 8.15 p.m.

Christ and Crisis Winter Lectures

March 28 Speaker Ed Vander Kloet, editor of the Guide, about labour. Rehoboth CRC, 800 Burnhampthorpe Rd. Etobicoke, Toronto.

April 18 Speaker David Steen, manager of an advertising agency, about advertising. Rehoboth CRC, 800 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke, Toronto. 8 p.m.

Andre Knevel Organ and Choir Concerts

April 2 Woodstock, Ont. at Central United Church, corner Ridell and Adelaide St., at 8:15 p.m.

April 23 Fonthill, Ont., at Fonthill Baptist Church, corner Church and South Pelham Streets, at 8:00 p.m.

May 7 St.Catharines, Ont., at St.Thomas Anglican Church, Ontario St., at 8:15 p.m.

South Africa series

Dr.Hendrik Hart of the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, will present a slide-lecture series on South Africa: Behind the Headlines, in the following cities: Winnipeg, Man.(Apr.16); Calgary, Alta.(Apr.18); Lethbridge, Alta.(Apr.19); Red Deer, Alta.(Apr.20); Edmonton, Alta.,(Apr.21); Neerlandia, Alta.(Apr.22); Vancouver, B.C.(Apr.23.); Smithers, B.C.(Apr.25); Terrace, B.C.(Apr.26).

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CHURCH PAGE

by Rev. J. Van Harmelen, 550 Leinster St., Woodstock, Ont.

Pastoral Pondering

Federation of Christian Reformed women receives a worthy place in the church

The Council of the Christian Reformed Churches in Canada took a few decisions on the Canadian Federation of Christian Reformed Women, and these decisions were sympathetic towards this organization. No wonder, because a deputation of the Board talked to the pre-advisory committee of the Council, and the able president, Mrs. Truus de Bruyn, pleaded with the all-men-committee for endorsement, recognition and acknowledgement of this worthwhile organization.

Federation recommendations to Council

The committee presented the following recommendations:

A. The Council recognizes and acknowledges the Canadian Federation of Christian Reformed Women as a valuable organization for the church, because

a. this organization strives to help its members to function in the office of believer according to article 3 of its constitution.

b. this organization is open to all Christian Reformed Women, it is no longer a Federation of Ladies Societies.

c. the Federation is doing some commendable work in the Kingdom which needs the prayers and the encouragement of the churches.

B. The Council establishes a working relationship with the Federation wherever possible, because there is a need for consultation between the Federation and the Council. Example: In regard to contact with the Government, which takes place by both the Federation and the Council, viz. matters of capital punishment, abortion and lotteries.

C. The Council seeks through its various committees to "make all possible use of the talents and abilities of women in the work of the Church", cf Acts of Synod 1976, art. 48, because

a. the Holy Spirit has given women many gifts and talents which can and should be used for the edification of the church.

b. some of the gifts and talents given to women are presently not being fully used within the context of our Chuch Order (Acts of Synod 1975, art. 79).

Acceptance of recommendations

The Council adopted these recommendations unanimously.

Federation address to Council

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Advisory Committee:

First of all, we like to thank you for the opportunity you have granted us to appear before Council today.

As delegates of the Federation of Christian Reformed Women we appear before you members of Council to request your endorsement, acknowledgement and recognition of our movement.

Federation Constitution

The purpose and aim of today's Federation according to art. 3 of our constitution is:

The promotion of good understanding among the women of our churches in the spirit of the communion of saints and the increase in Knowledge of the different interests of the Kingdom of God.

The Federation will try to reach this goal by: providing leadership and advise to stimulate the interest in membership of the Federation; holding meetings at regular times; promoting the Federation by all lawful ways and means which are deemed necessary.

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The revival of authority

Ruling within a sphere

by Rev. Henry Van Andel

Rev. Van Andel is a retired minister of the Christian Reformed Church in Burnaby, B.C. This is the fifth of a series of articles on Authority. The series will be resumed in a few weeks.

After having dealt with the origin of authority and with the character which authority must have according to the Word of God we must now pay attention to the question how authority has to function in the various spheres of life.

In following articles I would like to concentrate on parental authority in the family, authority in the school, authority in the industrial world (particularly in labour relations), authority in the church, and authority of the government in the state.

However, before we start dealing with authority in these various avenues of life we would like to make two preliminary remarks.

The first remark is this: Although the general nature of authority in all these societal circles should be the same (as we pointed out: a blessing), yet the way in which authority functions in these spheres is not the same. By way of an example: authority in the home is differently determined and exercised compared with authority in the state. This is so because the relationship between parents and children differs totally from the relationship between a government and its citizens.

I can also say that the nature and the purpose of the home and the state are entirely different. In the film "The Sound of Music" Colonel Trapp as a widower brings up his children in a military way. It is hilarious to see how it works, but everyone realizes how absurd it really is. In each sphere of life we have to determine how authority must function in it according to the structure of such a sphere and the leading principle of its relationships. Although everyone is aware of differences in this respect it is not an easy task to formulate them.

In each societal relationship (home, church, state, etc.) authority is limited to its own sphere and may not transgress its boundaries. This is a thought with which many of us are well acquainted. It has to do with the concept of sphere-sovereignty. It is not my intention to elaborate on this idea. Rather than spelling this out in a theoretical way I would like to show that authority has its limits within the sphere in which it functions by taking some examples: A policeman has the power to give a ticket to a man who exceeds the speed limit on the high way, because in his function as a representative of the government he is authorized to do so. However, when the speeding man is president of a society of which the policeman is a member, then the same evening at a meeting of this society the policeman has to recognize and to obey the chair. In a factory a foreman has his say over a labourer, but when the labourer is an elder in the church of which the foreman is a member, then the same evening at family visiting the labourer speaks with the authority of an officebearer in the house of the foreman. The mayor of a city can give all kind of orders for city life, but he has no say in any family (but his own) ordering that children under 10 should be in bed before 8 p.m. That is up to the parents.

It will be clear that in each case authority is determined and limited by its own sphere. We have to admit that in many cases the boundaries cannot sharply be drawn. There are all kinds of overlapping areas. It is very well possible that in such overlapping areas authority has to be shared. The fact, however, that such overlapping areas exist must make us the more diligent to observe the lines, to draw the boundaries and to respect the limits.

This is necessary because in our sinful world much harm is caused by authorities who transgress their set boundaries. Going outside of the scope of the authority given to them in God's creation order they rob another's rights and take liberty to act where they have no authority to do so. It is a fact that in the Middle Ages the church dominated all spheres of life and made even the State subject to its power. How wrong this was became evident from many clashes between popes and emperors.

However, after the Reformation the opposite took place. At the time the State often kept the affairs of the church under its domain. Totalitarianism, State absolutism, State collectivism wipe out the characteristic rights of individuals and societal relationships. Even in democraticly governed nations the State takes over all kinds of tasks which do not belong to its responsibility and is therefore a menace to the liberties of its citizens. We hope to come back on this later.

All this is the more painful because it belongs the other way around particularly to the task of the government to protect the freedom of individuals and societal spheres. If you ask whose task it is to see to it that the various societal relationships on the one hand will receive and keep their liberties and on the other hand will stay within their limits, then the only answer is: that is up to that institution which was established by God for maintaining justice and public order, namely the government.

As an example we take the relation between church and state. The government has no say in the church. It is not the task of the government to preach the gospel or to contest heresies. But it is the task of the government to see to it that the churches can proclaim their messages in full freedom, that public worship services are protected, so that there will be room for the promotion and the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

We will continue in future articles to write about authority in the different spheres of life. However, a series of articles in a magazine should never be too long. Therefore, before we start with this second part of our articles on authority, we will have a short break.

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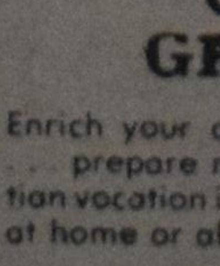

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Their annual tour began March 23 and is scheduled to wind up April 4 after 12 concerts and three high school assemblies, primarily in Alberta. The choir allowed one day for touring the mountain area around Lake Louise and Banff.

Since its beginning in 1959, the choir has made annual tours throughout the United States and Canada.

Alberta stops on the tour are Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Neerlandia, Red Deer, Lacombe, Calgary, Lethbridge and Brooks. They also are scheduled to perform at Volga, Sioux Falls and New Holland, South Dakota; and Edgerton, Minnesota.

Film series by Schaeffer shown in Toronto

A 10-episode film series "How Should We Then Live?", portraying the rise and decline of Western thought and culture, written by and featuring Dr.Francis Schaeffer will be shown for 10 consecutive weeks, beginning Sunday, April 17, in Second Toronto Christian Reformed Church, 265 Albion Rd., Rexdale. The project is sponsored by the youth groups of the church. The film will be shown at 8 p.m. for 10 consecutive Sunday evenings in place of the regular youth society meetings. There will be discussion and coffee after the films. The meetings are open to the public, the subject matter being of interest tc every age group.

After 40 years of intensive study and world wide ministry Dr.Schaeffer has completed this crowning work of scholarship and brings to every man the profound truths in simple film language. Gospel Films has produced the film in ten 30-minute episodes. This film series is not only an analysis of the past but also a focus on a significant era, speaking clearly to 20th century man with answers for modern problems. Dr.Schaeffer concludes that man's only hope is a return to biblical absolutes - the truth revealed through Christ in the Scriptures.

The film covers: The Roman Age, The Middle Ages, The Renaissance, The Reformation, The Revolutionary Age, The Scientific Age, The Age of Non-Reason, The Age of Fragmentation, The Age of Personal Peace and Affluence, and Final Choices.

by Rev.Ralph Heynen

Pastoral Counselling

We live in close relationships with a number of people. This is true in the home, family, marriage, and there are many times when we need to forgive each other. There are times when we hurt each other, when we say things that we later regret. We forget an anniversary, a birthday, or there are hundreds of offenses that we commit against each other. Love demands that we also exercise the grace of forgiveness for when human beings live together we do sin against each other and often the home is the place where we love the most but where we treat each other the worst.

We rub shoulders with many people, we come in contact with people in business, we meet people in social contacts, we meet people at the church. We come into touch with people as we walk down the street and often we must confess that we are less than kind and sometimes were a bit rude. We step on each other's toes rather easily, we jostle elbows and as we go through life, we have a tendency to offend, to hurt.

Dr.Lofteon Hudson in his book "Home is the Place", it's just a little booklet, has an interesting and thought-provoking statement about the elements of forgiveness. It is good for us to ask first of all "Why did we do what we did?" In the case of infidelity, many people will say, "Oh, that's only human, it's a matter of letting our human nature get the best of us" but generally in life we find that in many of the things we do, there's an element of thoughtlessness in it. We're not as concerned about others as we ought to be. We become a bit selfish and self-centred so that we have to remember that we have to ask for forgiveness. A man offended the man working next to him. He pushed him aside in a rather rude way and made the commitment that this man was not really doing his job too well, he wasn't actually accomplishing as much as he should. When this man talked with the person he had offended, he found out that he had some very deep problems at home. His wife had not been well, there was a child who was seriously sick and his mother was dying. When he understood all of these things, he said "I am so sorry that I was rude because I didn't realize what you were going through and this explains why you were not accomplishing what you should possibly have been doing."
There are often reasons that lie back of the things that we do and say and for this reason we ought to carefully analyze ourselves.

We do a lot of projection. We pick out our feelings on others when actually they are our own problems, our own feelings. Is it the one who made you angry or is the one who is angry? When you happen to be jealous of somebody else, whose problem is it? Is it your problem or the problem of the other person? There are some people who go through life who are very easily hurt, they are deeply sensitive. Is it the other person who hurt their feelings or is it the fact that they are overly sensitive?

Life is not quite that simple, that we can come up with all kinds of simpe answers but in and through it all we have to remember that when we offended somebody it still is good for us to say, "Please, forgive me, I didn't want to hurt your feelings."

In parents dealing with children, you find a good deal of this too. Sometimes we can take out our own feelings on our children and our children suffer the blunt of our ugly moods or our gloomy dispositions. It's good for us as parents to say to our children, "I'm sorry I was so harsh with you" because so often we do hurt their tender feelings and if we can come to them and say, "well, after all, I make mistakes too, I did what was wrong," I don't think this undermines a parent's feelings at all. I know there are some parents who wouldn't say, "I'm sorry" to their children. I remember a father who talked about this. He said he had a rather bad temper and he would occasionally spank his children a bit harder than he really intended to do but he said, "I'm not going to say to these children that I'm sorry - they deserved the spanking that they got." That was not wise on his part. He would have been much better off to say,"Sure, I know you deserved a spanking but I really didn't mean to hit you that hard, I didn't mean to hurt you badly" because when parents are willing to admit that they are human, that they have frailties, that they also have problems, children will respect them much more.

When we go through life there are people who have wronged us. Somebody borrowed money that they didn't give back, somebody said something bad about us that they surely couldn't prove. Often our feelings are hurt by what other people do and say. I wonder whether we can really forgive from the heart. I don't feel that we should carry our grudges. We ought to clear our minds of many of these unworthy feelings that make life miserable for us and others. So, it is good that we sit back and say, "I must forgive that man" or "I must forgive that woman."

Learn the art of forgiving. Not only should you learn that because it's good for us but also because God forgives and forgets. He blots the record and then forgets. I wonder whether we shouldn't follow in the pattern and in the attitude that we see on the part of our Heavenly Father . Jesus made the statement somewhere, "If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you."

The forgiving attitude is needed if we're going to feel the loving forgiveness of a Heavenly Father. It's good that we learn forgiveness because living with other human beings, there are going to be many, many occasions when others say to us, "I forgive you" or "Please, forgive me" and in which we have to say, "I forgive you from the heart" or even "Please forgive me" because forgiveness is part of being a Christian. We experience forgiveness from the hand of a Heavenly Father. We practice forgiveness in dealing with others.

OUR THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: This world is really a beautiful place - the mystic stillness and the hues of the rising sun, the music of the beating of the waves against the rocks, song of the birds, the rustling of the wind - these are all there for you and me to enjoy but when we enjoy them we should not fail to see that God also dwells in the beauty of holiness.

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Federation of Christian Reformed women

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I have already mentioned our Committee on Current Canadian Affairs. Their purpose and aim is: to research and study proposed or existing legislation, timely topics and situations, that are, or should be of interest to Christian Women concerned about the welfare of mankind; to make the women of our Federation aware of these concerns, so that they can be viewed in the Light of the Word of God and that their opinions about such, may be based on this Word; and to convey our views on matters that affect the quality of life, whether they be of a social, cultural, medical, political, national or international nature, to the organizations involved.

Federation activities

In this way, the Federation attempts to be an effective, Christian witness to the world and to promote action in harmony to our commitment to God.

The whole church requires the collaboration of all our women. They in turn are assured of the Federation's intent to work that kind of personal development and structural evolution, which will enable the church and society to reflect more fully the partnership of women in Christ's mandate.

Those of you who are aware of our existence and activities, are also aware of the, quite often controversial issues, this committee has dealt with. They have attended sessions and hearings in the House of Commons on: *Abortion, Euthanasia, Drug Abuse, T.V. Programming, Lord's Day Alliance Act, Indian Affairs.* They have delved into extensive advertising, immigration policies and at present are working on lotteries. Regretfully, the Capital Punishment action was delayed, and government acted before the brief was completed.

In addition to this committee, the Federation appointed an education committee which included the Rev. H. van der Plaat as a Theological Advisor. This committee advises and supplies our study-groups with suitable material and outlines.

The Federation has her own publication on a somewhat irregular basis, this publication is called *Federation-Conversation*. In addition to this, a monthly column under the title "Women's World" is allotted us in the well-known weekly Calvinist Contact.

At present, the Federation has its own administration office and box number.

Our last convention, held in Toronto on May 12, 1976, could boast an attendance of over 1700 women. Although we are not a fund-raising body as such, through our different activities, we were able to give substantial financial support to the work of the C.R.W.R.C., Back to God Hour, Lighthouse, Indian Mission and various Christian High Schools. Although our yearly membership fee is only one dollar, we manage quite well and our request is not of a financial nature.

When we leaf through the yearbook of our Christian Reformed Church and read the statistics, it is a fair assumption, that, when it says under any given congregation x number of families, there are that many women, wives, mothers or single ones. We come to an astounding number. Again according to the yearbook 15,527 families are listed in our Canadian Section. This is most likely a far-fetched dream, but our membership could increase to 15,000 members.

Federation Requests

We are not in favour of the woman's liberation movement in fact, we love looking after our men and give them the honour where honour is due. But please, recognize us as partners in and worthy members of Christ's Church. Take note of our publications, give us the support and the advice we need, when we speak out. Include us in your congregational prayers, when sunflowers, calvinettes and cadets are especially mentioned in the Sunday prayers, we do feel left out and neglected. We need your prayers. Acknowledge us when you make your congregational visits and tell the women that they can join our ranks.

We know, from experience, that when the consistories received a letter from our public relations president, informing them about our name-change and activities, this letter was passed on to a society-member, stating it was her business, not theirs.

Please correct this situation.

We thank you for your patience and time and may God bless you in your work as ministers and officebearers in His Church.

May we all be blessed in working together in Christian Fellowship.

Council acts in agreement

Council acted in harmony with the gist of Mrs. DeBruyn exposition, but also with its own decisions by appointing four women as members of the Committee for Contact with the Government: Miss A.G.J. Masselink, Mrs. E. Heslinga, Mrs. J. Oldengarm and a fourth lady, active in the Canadian Federation of Women, to be appointed by the Committee.

We wonder how many ladies of the kind of Phoebe, Priscilla, Junia, Potomania, Tryphena, Tryphosa, Syntyche, Euodia, Persis and a host of others will enhance the image of the church in Canada through their labours as they did in the days when the new testament church started. And do not forget the tremendous contribution of Miriam, classed in Micah 6:4 with Moses and Aaron, Deborah, and Hulda the prophetes in the old testament. And who would not like to have four daughters as Philip, who prophesied, or daughters, like those of Shallum, who built the wall of Jerusalem?

Let's make all possible use of the talents and abilities of women in the work of the church.

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The domes of the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene form a backdrop for the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Getsemane

THE GREAT CHURCHES OF JERUSALEM TODAY

by Dr. Douglas Young

Dr. Young is president of the American Insitute of Holy Land Studies at Mount Zion, Jerusalem.

As Easter approaches, the thoughts of the world's Christians focus on the City of Jerusalem, where 1944 years ago, the drama of the New Testament reached its climax in the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. These final events in the life of Jesus were the opening days of Cristianity and they are now commemorated in churches that are as varied as the city's history.

Jerusalem has great basilicas and tiny chapels, weathered Byzantine structures and 20th century creations, architecturally striking churches and unusual agglomerations of many ancient and competing styles. But each church has a special meaning to Christians since each honors an important figure or event in the New Testament. Led me lead you on a tour of them.

We start inside the Old City , the ancient walled section of Jerusalem dating back to the time of Jesus and earlier. Just inside the Lion's Gate (or St.Stephen's Gate as it is also known) is the church of St.Anne, one of the three places in Jerusalem in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Here, tradition says, was the home of her mother Anne, the place where she was born and reared. Like so many of the city's churches this one has a long history of construction and reconstruction. The excavated church of St.Anne here is of special interest. Its massive archaeological remains covered the two pools of Bethesda and the 1400-year-old church originally built on the site.

Diagonally across the Old City on Mount Zion, just outside the Zion Gate, is a large and very beautiful landmark, the modern Church of the Dormition. The cornerstone was laid by Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1899. Tradition says that it was built over the home of disciple John.

Across the Old City from St.Anne's inside the walls, is the Armenian Cathedral of St.James, built in the twelfth century in memory of the leader of the early Christians of Jerusalem. The beautiful interior and the fabulous treasury and library of the convent merit a quiet, long visit, as does the completely new seminary built across the street from the main compound.

One of Jerusalem's outstanding landmarks is on the top of the Mount of Olives, east of the city. Here in the Russian Compound, is a six-storey tower visible for miles around from every direction. Two very unusual churches dating from Czarist times, are situated here, close by the Byzantine site of Jesus' ascension.

Let us proceed down the Mount of Olives on the path which Jesus took on the first Palm Sunday. We head westwards the Old City and come to the Pater Noster Church, where, it is believed, Jesus taught His disciples the "Lord's Prayer." The present church was built in 1869 on the ruins of the Byzantine church erected by the Princess of Auvergne, a cousin of the Emperor Napoleon. In a cloister adjoining the church are over 30 large plaques with the Lord's Prayer, each in a different language. Nearby is the small but charming church, "Dominus Flavit," on the site where, 'Jesus wept over the city'. The Franciscans built the new church in 1955 on the ruins of a fifth-century Byzantine structure. The church's plate glass window facing west provides one of the most lovely views of the Old City, the Jerusalem that Jesus loved.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem, looking down on it from the Mount of Olives, and sadly predicted its downfall. The site of His "Olivet Discourse" was memorialized by Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, in the third of her great basilicas, St.Helena. (The Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Nativity were the other two basilicas she built; one in Jerusalem and the other in Bethlehem five miles to the south.) Nearly 100 feet long by 65 feet wide, and with walls nearly five feet thick, St.Helena was destroyed by the Persians at the beginning of the seventh century and only partly restored by the Crusaders some 500 years later.

This partly restored basilica was lost to history until 1910 when excavators uncovered its foundations. An attempt to fully restore the ancient and beautiful church was begun in 1920 but was never completed.

Before we pause, let me answer one important question. How do we really know where Jesus wept, and where Mary was laid to rest? The answer is that we cannot always be sure of the exact spot. The Roman Emperor Hadrian destroyed Jerusalem in 135

The "Garden Tomb", believed by many Protestants to be the site of Golgotha

Framed by the Herodian stones of the Old City Walls, Mount Zion's major landmarks are the Tomb of David, and the Church of the Dormition

Jerusalem, Israel

A.D. and the early Christians were dispersed. It was not until 200 years later, during the era of Constantine, that Christians began to erect churches in the city. These later Christians were relying on older traditions when they built their shrines, however, archaeological findings do support most of the traditional sites. Yet what is important to us is the irreplacable spiritual uplift we Christians receive when we visit these sites.

Christian Americans often ask me what Easter time is like in Jerusalem, and I always answer: very different yet very beautiful. Jerusalem is in a climate quite unlike that of most of Canada and there is much less greenery to be seen. But the coming of Spring means the end of the rainy season and the beginning of the non-stop sunshine which Israel enjoys from March to October.

At this time of the year, I like to go up to the Mount of Olives and enjoy the breathtaking panorama of the Old City that it affords. There, I often visit what many people consider the most beautiful church of Jerusalem, the Church of Mary Magdalene.

Czar Alexander III sponsored its construction in 1869 with its many onion shaped domes elevated on high pedestals and set in the midst of a thick grove of pines and cedars. Illuminated at night it sits like an exquisite gem in the black velvet background of the Mount of Olives.

Just below is the Church of All Nations. This beautiful modern church stands on the site of a fourth-century structure. A part of the ancient rock terrace and the remains of the earliest church on the site, as well as twelfth-century Crusader frescoes and mosaics can still be seen. The decorations - starlit sky and other mosaics - were restored to their original beauty in 1959. Outside is the old enclosed olive orchard, thought to be the place where Jesus prayed on the night when He was betrayed by Judas. This beautiful setting, garden and church, should not be passed up hastily. It is an ideal spot for quiet meditation and prayer.

Across the Kidron Valley on the southeastern slope of Mount Zion is the Latin Church of St.Peter in Galicantu, also known as St.Peter's of the Cock's Crowing. Here, during the late hours of the night before the crucifixion, Peter denied knowing Jesus. The church itself is small, but lovely. Stairways lead down from the remains of a palatial building to a stone courtyard, further down to a dungeon prison.

Just up the hill from St.Peter of the Cock Crowing was an ancient church long since destroyed. Today the Dormition Abbey covers the site of it. The Crusaders in the twelfth century built a church dedicated to "St.Mary of Mount Zion." In this building they had two chapels, the upper one commemorating the room of the Last Supper. The present Upper Room was built by the Franciscans in 1310 A.D. and turned into a mosque by the Moslems, who venerate the lower chapel as the tomb of Nebi Daoud, who we know as King David.

To follow the events of Jesus' last hours before crucifixion, we walk along the Via Dolorosa, or Way of the Cross. The building and rebuilding of Jerusalem during the Middle Ages and in modern times, and the accumulated rubble of the centuries have long since buried the original path Jesus walked, so we can follow the modern "Way of Sorrows" today.

We proceed along the modern way by starting near St.Stephen's Gate, opposite the Convent of the Sisters of Zion, at the "First Station of the Cross." From this point, tradition says, Jesus began his walk to Calvary.

At the end of our walk along the "Way of Sorrows" we finally arrive at the foremost church of Jerusalem, the great church of the Holy Sepulchre, where the last five stations of the cross are located. It would take an entire volume to describe this magnificent church with all its architecture and history. Suffice it to say that it is the church of all churches in the Holy City, with an ancient illustrious history, where today several sects serve and worship. It houses nine chapels where events of Biblical history, of Jesus' death and resurrection, and of later Christian historical events as well, are remembered. The Easter events attract pilgrims from all over the world.

Zelfbeheersing

Iedereen, ook iedere Christen weet, dat je je niet mag laten gaan. Je moet jezelf in bedwang hebben. Jezelf beheersen. Dat is gemakkelijker gezegd dan gedaan. Vooral als je een driftig karakter hebt. En toch moet het.

Paulus zegt dat het een vrucht van de Heilige Geest is als men zich zelf in bedwang kan houden. We moeten maar geregeld bidden om ook deze vrucht des Geestes te laten groeien in ons leven. Uit ons zelf komt er niet veel van terecht. Soms scheppen we er zelfs behagen in om ons te laten gaan. Vinden het fijn om ons te laten gelden. Dat zijn echter allemaal werken des vleses, door Paulus zo sterk veroordeeld.

Wij hebben veel behoefte aan mensen die zich niet zo gemakkelijk laten leiden door hun eigen zondige ik, maar door de Heilige Geest. Mensen die zichzelf verloochenen, en zichzelf beheersen. Mensen, die niet maar van alles en nog wat zeggen dat voor hun mond komt, doch die het tot een levensregel gemaakt hebben dat spreken zilver is, doch zwijgen goud.

Ik denk zo dat het een reden tot grote blijdschap zou zijn als deze vrucht des Geestes welig ging tieren in onze gemeenten.

Zelfbeheersing! Het woord wordt in de bijbel gebruikt door Paulus als hij het heeft over een athleet, die zijn lichaam trained en het onder controle brengt. "Sportlui moeten zich van alles ontzeggen". Maar hij gebruikt het woord ook als hij richtlijnen geeft over het huwlijk. Wat ongehuwden en weduwen betreft, zegt hij dat ze er goed aan doen, net als hij, alleen te blijven. Maar, als zij zich niet kunnen beheersen moeten ze trouwen.

Zelfbeheersing is in het grieks de deugd van de keizer die zijn persoonlijke belangen nooit de regering van zijn volk laat beinvloeden. Het is de deugd die een mens zo de meester maakt van hemzelf dat hij geschikt is de dienaar van anderen te zijn. Toch treffen we nog al wat mensen aan die gauw geraakt zijn, geirriteerd, prikkelbaar. Ze zijn geen heer en meester van zichzelf. Ze kunnen nooit iets aan hun hoofd hebben, de bom kan zo maar barsten.

Zelfbeheersing is een zeer noodzakelijke vrucht van de Heilige Geest in ons persoonlijk leven, in ons huwlijksleven, in ons gezinsleven, in ons sociale leven, in ons kerkelijke leven. "U moet me maar vergeven, ik ben zo gauw driftig" is een gezegde dat iedere predikant, en vele gemeenteleden met hem, zich goed herinneren. Dan wordt de driftige aard als het ware ook nog tot een soort excuus gemaakt, op de manier van: ik kan het niet helpen, dat is nu eenmaal mijn natuur. Ieder begrijpt dat als je er werkelijk spijt van hebt dat je je hebt laten gaan, je op een andere manier moet laten merken dat je er 'sorry' voor bent. Je in elk geval niet beroepen op je zondige natuur.

Ik geloof dat we het hard nodig hebben in onze samenleving dat een mens zichzelf beheerst. Misschien moet je dan om zo te zeggen het puntje van je tong wel eens afbijten, doe het dan maar, figuurlijk gesproken. Dat is beter dan iets te zeggen waar je later weer spijt van hebt.

Ja we hebben ze hard nodig, mensen die zichzelf beheersen, niet omdat zij zo flink zijn, niet omdat zij zo'n sterke wil hebben, niet in eigen kracht, maar door de Heilige Geest! Mensen die bidden: "Onze Vader, die in de hemelen zijt: regeer ons alzo door Uw Woord en Uw Geest dat wij ons hoe langer hoe meer aan U onderwerpen. Geef dat wij onze eigen wil verzaken, en Uw wil, die alleen goed is, zonder enig tegenspreken, gehoorzaam zijn. En omdat wij van onszelf zo zwak zijn dat wij geen ogenblik zouden kunnen blijven staan, en onze doodsvijanden: de duivel, de wereld en ons eigen ik niet ophouden ons aan te vechten, zo wil ons toch staande houden en sterken, door de kracht van Uw Heilige Geest, opdat wij in deze strijd niet onderliggen, maar altijd sterke weerstand bieden, totdat we eindelijk ten enenmale de overhand behouden".

In deze strijd worden de vruchten des Geestes geboren.

Ze gaan groeien aan onze levensboom. Uit onszelf zijn we zwak en onbekwaam tot enig goed.

Hoe moet het dan? Het antwoord luidt: Tenzij wij door de Geest Gods wedergeboren worden! Ja, het zijn vruchten des Geestes, en ze moeten in ons leven gevonden worden, agape (liefde), blijdschap, vrede, lankmoedigheid, vriendelijkheid, goedheid, trouw, zachtmoedigheid en ook de zelfbeheersing, die Paulus het laatste noemt. Last not least. De laatste is geenzins de minste!

J. VanHarmelen

Verkeerde theologische raadgevers

(kerknieuws, 4 February)

De redacteur buitenland van het Nederlands Dagblad, de heer A. Kamsteeg, schreef in dit blad onder het opschrift *Een christen als president*, een hoofdartikel, waarvan we enkele gedeelten overnemen:

Nadrukkelijker dan sedert de Tweede Wereloorlog ooit het geval is geweest, presenteert zich de geinstalleerde Jimmy Carter een christen als president. Bij zo'n gebeurtenis past grote blijdschap maar tevens zal er gewezen dienen te worden op de extra verantwoordelijkheid die hier ligt.

Dat eeuwen geleden koning David de Here liefhad, werd het volk Israel tot zegen. Maar toen hij de Hetiet Uria liet ombrengen om diens vrouw Bathseba tot zich te kunnen nemen, was de aanklacht van de profeet Nathan vooral dat 'gij door deze daad de vijanden des Heren zeer hebt doen lasteren.'

Inderdaad: ons zondigen smaadt de Naam van Christus, maar wanneer een christen-president dat doet, is het effect nog vele malen verschrikkelijker.

En Jimmy Carter is een christen. Hij gaf er tijdens zijn verkiezingscampagne blijk van zich het Evangelie niet te schamen, en de keuze van de tekst uit Micha, was een voortreffelijke. Overgave aan Jezus Christus noemde hij eens het belangrijkste in het leven en welke andere kandidaat zal iedere dag minstens een hoofdstuk uit de Bijbel hebben gelezen? Als gouverneur van Georgia achtte hij zichzelf niet te belangrijk om af en toe een zondagsschool te leiden. De diensten van de plaatselijke Baptistengemeente bezocht Carter trouw. En wanneer de president in dezelfde geest blijft handelen, zal er ook in het Witte Huis een prive-kamer zijn om zich terug te trekken om tot God te bidden om wijsheid bij het nemen van belangrijke beslissingen.

Of nauwkeuriger geformuleerd: Carter is een 'wedergeboren christen.'

Dat begrip 'wedergeboren' staat centraal in het gesprek dat Christus eens met Nicodemus, een overste uit de joden en Farizeeer had. 'Tenzij iemand wederom geboren wordt, kan hij het koninkrijk Gods niet zien' (Johannes 3:3).

Door de wedergeboorte begint God een nieuw leven met de mens en opent Hij zijn ogen voor wat er werkelijk belangrijk is in deze wereld. De Heilige Geest geeft principiele vernieuwingen van heel het leven, van alles (Titus 3:5) en dat door de prediking van het blijvende Woord van God (IPetrus 1:23).

Over dit 'wedergeboren worden' kunnen wij dus nooit groot genoeg denken. Het heeft te maken met het 'gij geheel anders', dat de apostel Paulus aan de Efeziers schrijft De 'oude mens', wordt afgelegd, die met zijn misleidende begeerten ten verderve gaat, en de 'nieuwe mens' wordt aangedaan, die 'naar de wil van God geschapen is in waarachtige gerechtigheid en

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Het gebouw te Aix-en-Provence waarin vroeger de onafhankelijke theologische faculteit was gevestigd.

Een nieuwe Gereformeerde theologische faculteit in Frankrijk

In het najaar van 1974 werd in de Zuid-Franse stad Aix-en-Provence een nieuwe gereformeerde theologische faculteit opgericht.

Het initiatief hiertoe was genomen door een aantal predikanten en andere kerkleden van de Eglise Reformee de France en de Eglise Reformee Evangelique. De faculteit werd gevestigd in de Aix-en-Provence en kan in zeker opzicht als een voortzetting worden beschouwd van de destijds daar bestaande onafhankelijke theologische faculteit, die o.a. vanuit Nederland steun ontving.

De nieuwe faculteit, die de Confessie van La Rochelle als grondslag heeft, is in tweeerlei opzicht onafhankelijk: ze is dit t.o.v. de synodes van de genoemde kerken en t.o.v. de Franse Staat, die - zoals bekend - het onderwijs op alle niveaus strak dirigeert. Deze onafhankelijkheid verschaft haar het voordeel studenten te kunnen betrekken uit verschillende kerkelijke denominaties.

De faculteit blijkt in een dringende behoefte te voorzien. Daar de bestaande protestantse faculteiten van Parijs en Montpellier de laatste jaren een onvoldoend aantal predikanten afleverden voor de kerken en ze bovendien sterk liberaal getint zijn, zijn er thans - dankzij de nieuwe faculteit - weer heel wat studenten die het predikambt begeren en zich daartoe ook geroepen voelen.

Het getuigenis van docenten en studenten van de jonge faculteit is zonneklaar: 'Op ons rust thans de taak theologie te studeren en te onderwijzen bij het licht van Gods Woord zowel met het oog op de verkondiging van dit Woord in de Gemeente als in de wereld'.

De faculteit telt momenteel vier gewone en een twaalftal buitengewone hoogleraren, die tezamen met de studenten een hechte gemeenschap vormen. Wij hopen, dat onder Gods leiding deze faculteit een belangrijke plaats mag gaan innemen in het leven van de Franse kerken.

heiligheid' (Efeziers 4:24).

En wat zou het niet geweldig zijn, wanneer president Carter Paulus' volgende woorden over leugen, toorn, diefstal, vuile taal, bitterheid en kwaadaardigheid tot zijn eigen vlees en bloed zou maken.

Mij overgeven aan Christus, wedergeboren worden, wil zeggen dat de Here mij direkt in het hart aangrijpt, met Zijn Woord in mijn leven doorbreekt en mij als het ware tot leem in Zijn handen maakt. Mijn souvereiniteit is ten einde en waar ik ook ben, ik ben verantwoordelijk jegens Hem.

Maar juist hier komen met betrekking tot Jimmy Carter onze vragen.

Dankbaar voor Carters persoonlijke betrokkenheid bij het reddende Evangelie, wordt men des te meer teleurgesteld wanneer er van dat christelijk geloof weinig of niets doorklinkt in openbare toespraken of het tot nu toe voorgestelde beleid. Sterker, toen in de Verenigde Staten de anti-abortus groepen zich sterk maakten om te proberen via een amendement op de grondwet de beruchte uitspraak van het Hooggerechtshof ongedaan te maken, konden zij niet op de steun van de Democratische presidentskandidaat rekenen. Persoonlijk wilde hij niets van abortus weten, maar in de politiek....

Hiermee zijn we tegelijk bij de kernvraag van dit hoofdartikel aangeland: wat kan van deze christen als president worden verwacht? Of anders gezegd: hoe komt het toch, dat er ook bij de zgn. 'Evangelicals' (Evangelistische christenen) in Amerika zo weinig blijkt van echt christelijke politiek? Kenmerkend van deze 'evangelischen' is toch dat zij de hele Bijbel als het Woord van God aanvaarden en de persoonlijke band met Christus fundamenteel achten? Welnu, wat kan er dan zo remmend werken op dat doorbreken van het gezag van de Schrift naar het leven van staat en maatschappij?

Om nog even bij Carter te blijven, uit verschillende interviews krijgt men de indruk dat zijn inzicht in de verbanden die de Bijbel zelf legt nog maar oppervlakkig is. Bovendien bekruipt ons in dit verband het angstige gevoel dat hij zijn theologische raadgevers in de verkeerde richting zoekt. In een biografie vinden we dat Carter veel tijd heeft besteed aan het lezen van de werken van Reinhold Niebuhr, Karl Barth, Paul Tillich en Soren Kierkegaard.

Dat 'Jimmy' Carter vòlbloed Amerikaan is, heeft vervolgens ook niet nagelaten een stempel op zijn denken te zetten. Als Calvinistisch mens die belijdt dat de mens uit zichzelf geneigd is God en de naaste te haten, staat men enigszins verbijsterd bij Carters hameren op het 'goede Amerika.' Dat onbijbelse optimisme laat zich mede verklaren uit de geschiedenis en het idealisme van dit volk, die als niet-theologische factoren niet hebben nagelaten de godsdienstige levenshouding te beinvloeden.

En dan is er natuurlijk John Locke, de Engelse wijsgeer (1632-1704), wiens werken meehielpen het politieke fundament van de Verenigde Staten te leggen. Volgens Locke behoort de religie tot de individuele ziel van de mens, en heeft het politieke bestek als zodanig niet van doen met de verschillende godsdienstige overtuigingen. De staat is neutraal en de souvereiniteit daar berust bij het volk.

De mens zelf is de hoogste autoriteit in het publieke leven. En dat de staatsstructuur door de Here geschapen is, de mens 'ten goede' (Romeinen 13:4), ontsnapt aan de aandacht. Zo is er in de Verenigde Staten een dualistisch christendom ontstaan; er kwam een scheiding tussen particulier christelijk geloof en het neutrale politieke bedrijf.'

De heer Kamsteeg besluit zijn artikel aldus: 'Ik ben met lichaam en ziel het eigendom van Jezus Christus. Helemaal en overal. Wanneer president Carter van de Verenigde Staten die belijdenis tot de zijne maakt, zal dat tot grote zegen zijn.'

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Een aanstaande moeder wordt geacht 2 weken van tevoren kennis te geven wanneer ze met verlof wil gaan. Ze heeft er recht op haar verlof te nemen binnen 11 weken voor de geboorte, maar ze moet tenminste 6 weken van haar verlof na de bevalling nemen. Indien de werkgever wil dat ze haar verlof neemt voordat zij dat wil, moet de werkgever kunnen bewijzen dat ze niet in staat is haar gewone werk naar voldoening te verrichten.

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De Nederlandse bevolking is vorig jaar met 82.400 personen gegroeid. Aanzienlijk minder dan de groei in 1975, die 134,500 bedroeg, mede als gevolg van de immigratie uit Suriname.

NIEUW TELEFOONBOEK

Het telefoonboek wordt in een nieuw jasje gestoken. De belangrijkste verandering is dat het nummer voor de naam komt te staan in plaats van erachter. De namen worden vetgedrukt en er komen geen hoofdletters meer voor; dit bevorderd volgens de PTT de leesbaarheid.

Nieuw is ook dat de straatnamen op alfabet komen te staan achter een reeks dezelfde namen: de Jansens bijvoorbeeld komen niet meer volgens hun voorletters op alfabet maar volgens de straatnamen.

ONRUST OVER ELECTRICITEITS CENTRALE

In het Nederlands-Duitse grensgebied bij Arnhem is onrust onstaan over Duitse plannen om vlakbij de Nederlandse grens een centrale te bouwen die met kolen gestookt zou moeten worden.

In september 1975 bestonden er soortgelijke plannen voor een centrale bij Emmerik. De bouwplannen zijn toen de ijskast ingegaan na verzet van milieu groepen in Nederland en Duitsland.

KAASPRODUKTIE

De Nederlandse kaasindustrie gaat na een korte periode van vrijheid de produktie weer beperken. In de achtweekse periode van 20 februari tot en met 16 april zal de landelijke kaasproduktie beperkt blijven tot 57.600 ton in totaal of gemiddeld 7.200 ton per week. In de commissie produktiebeheersing kaas is hierover een afspraak gemaakt waarmee vrijwel alle kaasproducenten zich kunnen verenigen. De commissie verwacht van de afspraak een positieve invloed op de marktontwikkeling en de landelijke voorraadpositie.

SAMEN OP WEG

De Hervormde Gemeente en de Gereformeerde Kerk in Hoornsterzwaag hebben besloten met ingang van 1 januari 1977 een zeer hechte vorm van samenwerking aan te gaan.

Reeds voorheen werden dikwijls gemeenschappelijke-diensten gehouden. Op het gebied van het kerkelijk verenigingsleven is er een bijna volledige integratie. De predikant van de Hervormde Gemeente bereidde ook gereformeerde jongelui voor om in hun eigen kerk, die momenteel vacant is, belijdenis te doen.

Nu zeggen de twee gemeenten:"Wij mogen naar buiten geen gescheidenheid meer laten zien, als het duidelijk is dat de Heer ons bij elkaar heeft gebracht."

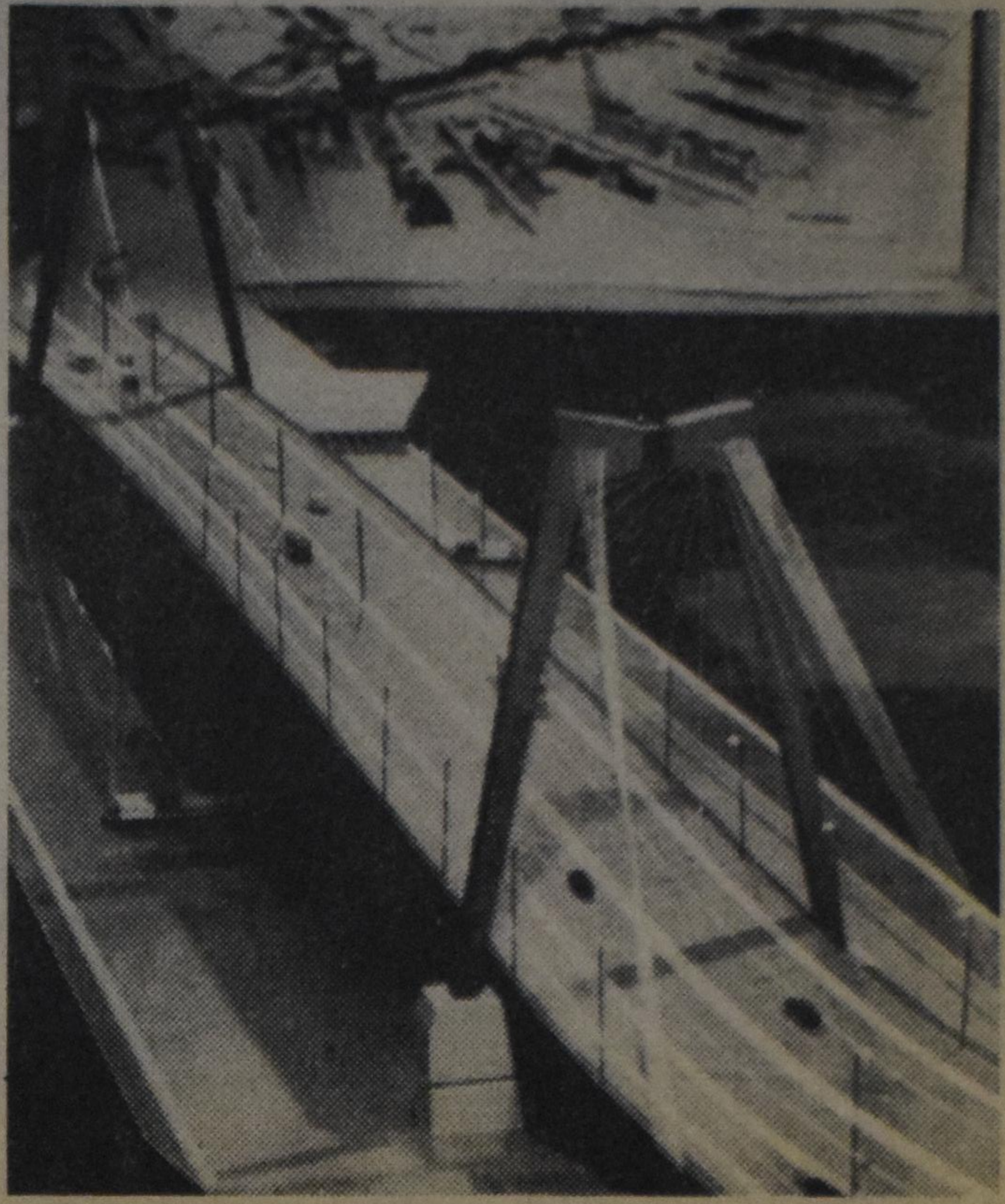
De Hervormde gemeente van Hoornsterzwaag is betrekkelijk klein, maar heeft geen financiele zorgen omdat zij vrij veel zgn pastoriegoederen bezit (bezittingen die dienen om de predikantsplaats in stand te houden) Er is besloten deze goederen in te brengen in de federatie met de Gereformeerde kerk. Na het in werking treden van de federatie zal de hervormde pastor ds.K.Lammertsma, die 34 jaar is, ook predikant van de Gereformeerde kerk zijn. De kerkeraad heeft hem daartoe beroepen en de dominee heeft het beroep aangenomen.

Men heeft afgesproken dat de predikantsplaats in de federatieve gemeente steeds zal worden bezet door degene, die men daartoe het meest geschikt vindt, ongeacht of deze predikant hervormd of gereformeerd is. (Kerknieuws 28 jan.'77.)

JEUGD MAG NOG 2 JAAR VROEG BEZORGEN

Minister Boersma van sociale zaken handhaaft zijn opvatting dat jeugdige krantenbezorgers niet voor zeven uur 's morgens aan de slag mogen gaan. Wel is hij bereid een overgangsregeling toe te passen, waardoor deze regel pas over twee jaar volledig moet worden toegepast. Dat bleek in de Tweede Kamer tijdens de voortgezette behandeling van het wetsvoorstel om in de Arbeidswet een jongerenstatuut op te nemen.

Volgens dat statuut zal het in het algemeen verboden zijn voor jongeren om tussen zeven uur 's avonds en zeven uur 's morgens te werken.



Een maquette van de nieuwe brug die Rotterdam over de Nieuwe Maas gaat bouwen ter vervanging van de uit 1878 daterende Willemsbrug die hard aan vervanging toe is. De nieuwe brug wordt 374 meter lang en wordt onder meer van een aparte busbaan voorzien. De bouwkosten, inclusief toevoerwegen, worden op ƒ 96 mln. geraamd waarvan het Rijk ƒ 35 mln betaalt.

DE KEUS VAN 'T SMALLE PAD 27

een vervolgverhaal door Gé Verhoog

Verbeek knikt instemmend. "In druk en nood is God dicht bij ons - zo wordt de tegenspoed voorspoed. O, als ik dit maar elke dag mocht zien; ik kan niet buiten God - dat Hij mij genadig zij."

Vrouw Verbeek heeft de gewoonte, na het gezamelijke avondgebed nog met God door te praten. God is een Vader - ze mag dan met Hem praten - ze draagt alle nood, alle zorg aan Hem op. "Here, mijn man is zo'n oprecht kind van U - geef hem toch meer blijheid - geef hem toch meer de zekerheid van het geloof - en vergeef ons, dat we aan U twijfelen."

Ze ziet door het dakvenster het matte maanlicht, de pinkelende sterren. God is in de hemel en wij zijn op de aarde, peinst ze. Maar er is een eeuwig verbond, een belofte van God en dat kan niet veranderen. Ze kan niet twijfelen - waarom kan haar man dit wel? Hoe is het mogelijk, te twijfelen, als God in Zijn Woord niet anders zegt dan: Vrees niet, Ik help u!

Ze begrijpt haar man niet. Hij kan de ontzaglijke stap doen de kerk uit te gaan en zich te melden bij de Gereformeerden en als vanzelf volgt het hele gezin; hij denkt niet aan de eventuele gevolgen, het verlies van klanten, hij doet het in stralend geloof. Dan is hij weer de zoekende, zorgende mens, die een weg tracht te vinden en zich niet waardig acht God in zijn leven te kennen, terwijl hij weet dat God hem alleen kan helpen en zal helpen. Wonderlijk toch!

Hij is de priester in zijn gezin, het voorbeeld, de verantwoordelijke en geeft het goede voorbeeld van plichtsbetrachting maar tegelijk is hij een hard, meedogenloos mens - Hoe is dit te rijmen?

Hij strijdt blindelings voor zijn geloof, maar tegelijk maakt hij zich vijanden door zijn taktloze houding, zijn harde uitspraken - Hij tracht vriendelijk te zijn en goed voor alle mensen, maar tegelijk is hij door zijn houding en beginsel een man, die velen van zich afstoot - En toch - en toch heeft hij een hart van goud -

Dit is de vraag, die vrouw Verbeek kan bezighouden : moet men toneel spelen en vriendelijk tegen iedereen zijn, moet men met de wolven in het bos meehuilen? Ja - dan houdt men zijn klanten en is de zorg geweken. Als men eerlijk is - als men volgens zijn beginselen leeft, als men strijdt voor de zuivere kerk - dan verliest men klanten, dan komt de zorg weer om de deur kijken.

Het gaat de goddelozen goed op deze aarde, zegt Verbeek graag en het is zo. Wie leeft zonder zedelijke normen, zonder de tien geboden en zonder het allergrootste gebod: die kan verzekerd zijn van de sympathie van mensen, die kan zijn schatten verzamelen, die kent geen zorg. Dat wordt tact genoemd.

De man, die blindelings zijn beginsel uitleeft, die zich een weg heeft gesteld, die volgens Gods geboden tracht te leven en zich klein voelt voor God en mensen - die man zit vaak in de grootste zorg en benauwdheid - Dit is vreemd.

De vele nachten van slapeloosheid, dat de zorg haar naar de keel springt en van de slaap berooft - mag een kind van God dit hebben? Ze vouwt haar handen. "Alles is van U - de hele aarde en alles wat ons omringt, we zijn niet overgeleverd aan mensen, Gij gaat over alles en Gij zult ons niet vergeten omdat - omdat ik durf vol te houden, dat ik Uw kind ben. Ik weet het omdat U het in Uw Woord zegt; geef die vrijmoedigheid ook aan mijn man. Hij hunkert naar U, hij is een kind van U en vergeet dit te vaak."

Dan denkt ze aan David - aan Jacob - mannen Gods. Grote zondaars, die hun verantwoording niet altijd aankonden en toch steeds weer naar God riepen en door God geholpen werden. Wat een troost, wat een rijkdom van die God een kind te zijn -

Als Verbeek minder stug van karakter was, als hij de blijdschap van het geloof meer betrachtte - wat zou hun gezin anders zijn. O ja, de kinderen zullen nooit het zware inzicht van hun vader kunnen begrijpen of navolgen, hoewel Henk ook een diepgraver is, maar de anderen zijn meer kinderen van de nieuwe tijd: vrolijker, blijer - en dit rekent haar man tot zonde -

De altijd terugkerende vraag: wie heeft gelijk? Er rijst vaak een wonderlijke gedachte in haar op - ze zou niet graag die profane vraag willen uiten - deze vraag: God heeft niet anders gedaan dan zondaars nodigen tot Zijn feest. En het antwoord van Zijn kinderen? "Ik geloof het niet - het kan niet waar zijn, dat U mij vraagt - ik kom niet. Als dat geen zonde is...

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Het orgel is nu reeds geruime tijd in huis; Henk oefent ijverig en geeft lessen van de meester door aan Peter en Klaartje. Zelfs Marijtje probeert met haar kleine vingertjes te spelen; ze hangt aan het klavier terwijl ze dan net met haar voetjes bij de trappers kan en trapt er lustig op los, omdat er dan geluid uit komt. Dit mag echter niet. "Te hard trappen is verkeerd, dan gaat het kapot," zegt Verbeek. "Je moet nog wachten met orgel spelen tot je groter bent geworden- ga maar buiten spelen."

Soms mag ze naast moeder op de orgelbank zitten; moeder tracht ook te spelen en tot verbazing van het gezin lukt het haar vele versjes uit het hoofd te spelen.

"Je kent geen noot, zo groot als een koe," verbaast haar man zich. "Hoe kan je dan spelen?"

Moeder glimlacht wat. "Meer hoef ik niet te kennen."

"Dat is wat men noemt: Muzikale aanleg," doceert Teunis. "Ik heb dit geerfd want ik neem geen les en speel ook al aardig."

"Noem je dat knarren van jou: aardig spelen?" hoont Verbeek,"je kunt er niets van."

Teunis zucht overdreven. "Zo wordt jong talent vermoord", zegt hij. "Kunt u het niet meer tactisch zeggen?"

"Onmogelijk", verklaart Verbeek, "ik zeg de dingen zoals ze zijn."

Moeder keert zich even op de orgelbank naar hem. "Je zou het wel iets aardiger kunnen zeggen tegen de kinderen - ons Marijtje is nog zo jong en..."

"Wat hindert dat?" valt Verbeek verwonderd in. "Het kind moet niet in een donzen wereld groot worden. Ze moet al jong weten dat het leven niet een pretje is."

"Dat zangkoor," leidt Teunis af, "dat dorpse zangkoor, door meester van Rijssen opgericht, het wordt wat! Ik voel dat we wereldberoemd zullen worden; grote concertreizen en de muziekwereld aan onze voeten."

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Notes of Thanks

DRIJFHOUT: We sincerely thank our children, grandchildren, relatives and friends for the many good wishes, cards and gifts on our 50th wedding anniversary. Above all we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all His blessings in the years past. Sytze and Geertje Drijfhout, 67 Railroad St., Brampton, Ont.

STAVINGA: A sincere thank you to all our relatives and friends for the many cards and good wishes on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary. Gerben and Geeske Stavinga, 10B Hampton St., Brantford, Ont.

Births

DE WIT: Gerry and Nellie De Wit thank God for the miracle of birth and the precious gift of a healthy daughter JOHANNA IRENE on March 2, 1977. We are calling her Janine. Fourth grandchild for Mr.& Mrs. Pieter De Wit, Eden and first grandchild for Mr.& Mrs. G.Gerard Reyneveld, Mossley. 26 Charles St., Dorchester, Ont.

KRABBE: With thankfulness to our Lord we are overjoyed to announce the arrival of our second chosen son BRIAN STEVEN. A brother for Mark Dwayne. Proud parents: Ben and Ria Krabbe, nee Grevers, R.R.#4, Listowel, Ont. Romans 8:16

TEENINGA: Thanks to our Lord for the birth of our first child PETER JAKE, born on March 15, 1977. A son for Albert and Elisabeth Teeninga. First grandchild for Mr.& Mrs.J.Kapteyn, R.R.#4, Bowmanville and Mr.& Mrs.P.Teeninga, Oshawa.

WESTRA: With thanks unto God our Father, the Giver of life, we wish to announce the birth of our first child, a son,
DAVID MATTHEW, born March 3, 1977. A first grandchild for Mr.& Mrs. H.Breimer, Brockville and Mr.& Mrs.P.Westra, Ottawa. Gus and Margaret Westra, 1920 A Merivale Rd., Ottawa, Ont.

Marriages

AUKEMA-SCHIPPER: Mr.& Mrs. Jeen Aukema are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of TRUDY ELISABETH to Mr.PETER SCHIPPER, son of Mr.& Mrs. Gerry Schipper of Brantford, Ont. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday April 16, 1977 at 3 p.m. in the Christian Reformed Church, 956 Mooney St., Dresden, Ont. Rev. Praamsma of Wallaceburg officiating. Future address: 260 Wellesley E.Apt. 519, Toronto.

Marriages

REITSMA-BOERS: Mr.& Mrs.Y. Reitsma of Scarborough and Mr.& Mrs.A.Boers of Ancaster are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children MARTHA and JAN ALBERT. The ceremony will take place on April 2, 1977, D.V., at 3 p.m. in Grace Chr.Ref.Church, Channel Nine Court, Agincourt, Ont., Rev.J.B. Vos officiating. All who wish to witness and celebrate with us are welcome to attend. Future address: 8 Mozart Court, Whitby, Ont.

Anniversaries

On March 27, 1977, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents

GERRIT and HANNAH
VAN LOCHEM nee Wensink

their 30th wedding anniversary.
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.
Their thankful children
Fenwick - Bill & Ann
At home - Art & Hilda (engaged)
David
24 Summerlea Ave., Welland, Ont.

1937 1977
With gratitude to God we hope to celebrate, on March 31, 1977, the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents

GERALD and GERRIE EXEL

We pray that the Lord will continue to care for them and bless them for each other and for us.Best wishes and love from their grateful children and grandchildren
Brussels - Henry & Margaret Exel and children
Listowel - Kenneth & Everdina Bender and children
Lucknow - Eric & Nikki Exel and children
Brussels - Hank & Ada Haasnoot and children
Jack & Anne Vader and children
Tiverton - Randy & Gerda Roppel and children
Clinton - Charles (Chuck) Exel
London - Frances Exel & Cal McLennan (engaged)
Open house will be held on Thursday, March 31, 1977 D.V. from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at their home, William St. in Brussels, Ont.

On April 2, 1977, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents

HARRY HOEKSTRA
and
JENNY HOEKSTRA nee Hoogstra

We are very grateful to God for His numerous blessings throughout the years of their marriage, and pray for His continued guidance in the years ahead. Congratulations from their thankful children:
Sarnia - Jean & Dave Skolly
Chatham - Eugene Hoekstra & Hetty Veldboom (fiancee)
At home - Harry George and Patricia Anne
Home address: R.R.#7, Chatham, Ont.

With joy and gratitude to our heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 25th wedding anniversary on March 20, 1977 of our parents and grandparents

GERRIT RIEWALD
and
SHIRLEY RIEWALD nee Nauta

Their thankful children and grandchild:
Cayuga - Andrew & Irene Riewald
Stanley & Anna Riewald: Helena
Hagersville - Arnold & Joyce De Boer (engaged)
Toronto - Alice
Hagersville - Frank, Debbie, Veronica, Linda, Shiela
R.R.#3, Hagersville.

Anniversaries

With thanks to God for His goodness and abiding care we hope to celebrate on April 8, 1977 the 35th wedding anniversary of our beloved parents and grandparents:

WILLIAM BAKKER
and
JOHANNA BAKKER nee Land

We pray that God may continue to bless them for the years to come and we are thankful for all their love and guidance they have given us. Their thankful children and grandchildren:
Strathroy, Ont. - Bert & Ellen
Bradenton, Florida, U.S.- Harry & Betty: Mark, Conrad,Benjamin
Stratford, Ont. - Bernard & Irene: Ruth
Calgary, Alta. - Ann
Grand Rapids, Mich.U.S. - Paul
Guelph, Ont. - Ralph
Clinton, Ont. - Wilmer
As Dad and Mom are enjoying some warm weather in Bradenton, Florida, we hope to celebrate this on a later date.Home address:233 Mill Pond Cr., Strathroy, Ont.

On April 16 we will remember that we were united in marriage 25 years ago. We hope to celebrate this happy occasion with our children and friends.
Open house will be held on that day from 2-5 p.m. at our home R.R.#3, Sherwood Park. Thankful to the Lord for all His blessings

ENGBERT and JOHANNA
KOLKMAN

Gerrit & Carolyn
John, Bernie, Joyce, Paul, Brian, Eric, Annette
Best wishes only.

Enschede 1952 Hamilton 1977
On April 3, 1977 D.V. we hope to praise God for blessing our parents

JAN POUWEL FEIJER
and
MARTHA FEIJER nee Heslinga

in 25 years of holy matrimony. In God's strength they have been able to lead us in His paths. We pray that God will continue to guide them on their pilgrimage. Psalm 23
Rita
Peter
Open house for friends and relatives will be held on April 2, 1977 D.V.in the Maranatha Free Reformed Church of Ancaster, Ont. from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
925 West Fifth St. Hamilton ,Ont. L9C 5R6.

Congratulations to our dear parents and grandparents,

DIRK BIJLSMA
and
ANNIE BIJLSMA nee Schoute

on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary on April 1, 1977 D.V. Due to Dad's illness we hope to celebrate this occasion on a later date. We pray that God will continue to keep and bless them for each other and for us, their children
Wiebe & Jean Bylsma
Bruce & Betty Henderson
Pete & Wilma Hanemaayer
John & Coby Bruinsma
Peter Bylsma
Jim & Amy Van Schagen
Theo Bylsma
and all the grandchildren
11 Veterans Ave., Bowmanville, Ont.

Dreisum Bowmanville
Edna, Nellie, Tonya, Sharon, Yvonne and Tom would like to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents

MR.& MRS.PETER FEDDEMA

We would like to invite all friends and relatives to celebrate with us on April 8, 1977 in the Knox Christian School auditorium in Bowmanville, Ont. at. 7:30 p.m.
"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight." Prov.3:6

Anniversaries

1952 1977
Holten Jarvis
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Ps.27:1a
On April 8, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents

DICK STAM
and
TRUDY STAM nee Landeweerd

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and love shown to us in the past and pray for His continual guidance in the years to come.
Their thankful children:
John & Sharon Stam
Annette & John Stegenga
Harry
Debbie
Open house will be held on April 7, 1977 from 7 to 9.30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Jarvis Chr. Ref.Church. Best wishes only please. R.R.#1, Jarvis, N0A 1J0

Obituaries

On Monday March 8, 1977 the Lord took unto Himself

REV.JOSEPH BETTEN

at the age of 81.
His beloved wife
Marie A. nee Vroon
Children
Cap & Nella Mae Koetje
Tony & Char Betten
Hank & Esther Betten
Wally & Marge Boelkins
Joe & Verna Betten
Marion (Red) & Marlene Betten
Sid & Jean Helder
34 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren.
Brother and Sister
Jake Betten
Mrs.Harvey (Marie) Koning
John Betten
Brother-in-law
Frank Vellenga

It pleased the Lord to take to His eternal Home in the early morning of March 12, 1977, after a lengthy illness my beloved wife, our dear mother and grandmother, at the age of 70 years

ANNA WASSENAAR
nee Wynia

John 14:3
Dear wife of Frank Wassenaar
Dear mother of: Audrey and Bill Noordhof
Grandmother of Edward, Norman, Anita, Bryan, Joan Noordhof
5050-56 St.,Box 911,Lacombe,Alta.
Funeral services were held on March 16, 1977 from the Bethel Chr.Ref.Church, Lacombe, Rev.P. Sluys officiating.

It pleased the Lord to take into His eternal home

DS. JAN DIJKSTRA
(Ome Jan)

who passed away on Feb.24, 1977 at the age of 83. Faithful servant of His Lord and Master in the Ministry of the Word since 1925.
Abbotsford, B.C. - His brother Gerben Dijkstra
Edmonton, Alta.- Pete & Evelyn Groot
Abbotsford, B.C. - John & Jane Dijkstra
Vancouver, B.C. - Pete & Margaret Vriend
Waterdown, Ont. - John & Joyce Dijkstra
Milfordbay, Ont. - Cor & Jaaike Snieder
Edmonton, Alta.- Gerben & Grace Dijkstra
Abbotsford, B.C. - William & Ann Dijkstra
Halifax, N.S. - Jerry & Mary Dijkstra
Shallowlake, Ont. - Jim & Wilma Bergstra
Funeral took place on March 1, 1977 in his birthplace Oosthem, Fr.

Obituaries

After a long illness the Lord took unto Himself one of His children and our dear friend

TENA VANNIEJENHUIS

at the age of 17.
We will remember Tena as a friend and active member of our young people. In her last year she served as secretary on the board.
May her family find comfort in God's presence and may He guide them through this difficult time.
The Bowmanville, Ont., Young People, Maranatha C.R.C.

On Saturday, March 12, 1977 our heavenly Father took to be with Him in His eternal glory our dear wife, mother and grandmother

FERDINA VISEE

in her 57th year. After a long illness she wished to go to her eternal home.
Anthony M.Visee
Oshawa, Ont. - Jack & Lynda Visee
Ancaster, Ont. - Harry & Ann Vande Kuyt: Deborah, Mark
Beeton - Walter & Joyce Visee: Kim, Kalle, Jennifer
Oshawa - John & Joyce Livingston
82 Applewood Cr.Whitby, Ont.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus".
Our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom took home to live with Him, our dear little granddaughter, niece and cousin,

LEEANNE ROBYN ELGERSMA

She was entrusted to the care of Jake and Ada for only 2 months. Much loved little sister of Mark, Glenn and Natasha. May the Lord be their Refuge and Strength, an ever present comforter in sorrow.
Pake: George Muizelaar, Burlington, Ont.
Uncles and aunts:
Ray & Alice Muizelaar
Ruth & Peter Hogeterp
David & Jane Muizelaar
and cousins
Jarvis, Ont.

In His infinite wisdom the Lord took to Himself on Sunday March 13, 1977 my dearly beloved wife, our mother and grandmother,

ALIDA MARIA STAM

at the age of 46. Beloved wife of Henry Stam.
Dear mother of Mrs.Val.Melanson (Johanna) of Windsor,
Hank and Lydia at home
Dear daughter of Mrs.Aleid Van den Berg of the Netherlands
Dear grandmother of Alida Maria and Miranda Louise
Dear sister of Aleid Claasen,Maude Meyer, Bram, Henk, Jan, Gerard and Karl Van den Berg, all of the Netherlands
Funeral service took place March 15, 1977 in the Essex Christian Reformed Church, Rev.Wieger De Jong officiating.
Romans 8:38 and 39: "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
284 Centre St., Essex, Ont. N0R 1E0

On March 13, 1977 it pleased the Lord to take unto Himself, after a lengthy illness

ALICE STAM

The Consistory and congregation of the Essex Christian Ref.Church wish to express our Christian sympathy to Hank and his family with the death of a wife and mother. May we always remember the words of Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
Rev.W.De Jong - Pastor
J.Klooster - Clerk

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The members of the ladies society "Serva Deum" would like to express their sincere sympathy to the family of our faithful member

ALICE STAM

May the knowledge that she is now free from pain, and happy with her Lord, give us all the peace and joy that we know she had.
Essex, March 13, 1977.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1977, our Lord in His infinite wisdom called our dearly loved little daughter and sister

LEANNE ROBYN

from her earthly home to be with Him in her Heavenly Home, at the tender age of only 2 months.
Jake and Ada Elgersma
Mark, Glenn, Natasha
R.R.#4, Waterford, Ont.
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalm 46:1,7

On Monday March 21, 1977 our heavenly Father took from us our Vice President

MR.MARTIN MOL

who served our organization for six years, knowing for some time that he himself would not benefit from our work, he nevertheless urged us to speed up the work and provide a home for those in need here on earth. May the Lord strengthen Mrs.Mol and family with the assurance that Martin now occupies one of the many mansions our Lord and Saviour spoke off.
The Board of Holland Christian Homes Inc.

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

AYLMER: The Immanuel Christian School of Aylmer, Ont. will be in need of Primary, Junior and Remedial teachers for the 1977/78 school year. Please forward applications to: William Hordyk, Principal, 75 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, Ont. N5H2P6 Tel.(519) 773-8476.

BRAMPTON: The John Knox Christian School of Brampton, Ont. invites applications for the primary and intermediate grades. Please contact: I Witteveen, principal, 82 McLaughlin Rd. S., Brampton, Ont. L6Y 2C7. Tel.(416) 451-3236.

BRANTFORD: The Brantford Chr. School invites applications for a possible opening in grade 5 and 6 (about 24 pupils). Please send inquiries to: Mr. Wm. Slofstra, principal, 7 Calvin St., Brantford, Ont. N3S 3E4. Telephone: 752-0433 (school) or 753-9557 (home).

CHATHAM: Chatham District Chr. Secondary School requires teachers of history, geography and mathematics for September 1977. For inquiries contact: Anton Brink, principal, 90 Park Ave., E., Chatham, Ont. N7M 3V4. Tel.1-352-4591 school, 1-519-352-9348, home

CLINTON: The Clinton Distr.Chr. School has the following vacancies for the 1977/78 school year: One teacher for the primary grades, one half-time teacher for kindergarten, one half-time teacher for principals relief. Please write for information to the principal Mr.R.Schuurman, Box 658, Clinton, Ont. N0M1L0 or phone: 510-482-7851 (school) or 519-482-7088 (home)

For teaching openings look here!

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

COLLINGWOOD: Praise the Lord! The Collingwood Christian School Society will be establishing, the Lord willing, an elementary inter-denominational Christian School, beginning Sept.1977. The Society is inviting applications for the positions of a teaching principal and one additional staff member. If you are interested in becoming part of a team that desires to make Chr.Ed. available to the children of committed christians within the Collingwood community, and becoming part of a growing School Society located in "Blue Mountain Country", please send your inquiries or applications to: Collingwood Christian School Society, Box 405, Collingwood, Ont., L9Y 2L8. Ph.(705) 428-3047 or 429-3271.

DUNDAS: Calvin Chr.School of Dundas invites applications from teachers for a grade 1 vacancy beginning Sept.1977. Please direct inquiries or applications to: Garry Glasbergen, principal, Ofield, Rd. N. R.R.#2, Dundas, Ont. L9H 5E2. Phone: 416-627-1411 (school) or 416-627-5323 (home).

ESSEX: The Essex County Christian Academy requires a teacher for primary grades with Chr. School teaching experience at this level, for school year 1977-78. Applicants should be willing to teach in a dual grade inter-denominational setting. For application forms please write: Emmanuel Christian Academy,P.O. Box 254, Cottam, Ont. N0R 1B0. Attn: Mrs. Hunter.

FRUITLAND: Applications are invited to fill vacancies in the prim., jun. and interm.grades. An interest in French and/or music would be an asset. Send your letters of application and inquiry to: The Fruitland John Knox Memorial Christian School, Box, 27, Fruitland Ont. or call 416-945-8241 after 6 p.m. for further information.

GUELPH: John Calvin Chr.School, Guelph, Ont., invites applications for a teacher for grade 3 and 4 or 5 and 6 or 7 and 8 in the schoolyear 1977/78. Send applications to: Agnes Struik, 290 Water St., Guelph, Ont. N1G 1B8 or call: Agnes Struik at (519) 824-8860.

HAMILTON: Calvin Christian School in Hamilton, Ont. has two positions available, one in the primary grades (1-3), one in the intermediate grades (7-8). Contact W.H.Hultink, principal, at 416-388-2645 (school) for details or call a staffmember and find out what kind of school you can be associated with.

JARVIS: Jarvis district Christian School invites applications for the following positions: one full-time teacher, half-time for grade 8 and half-time for remedial education; one teacher for a single primary grade; and there may be possible positions in the junior grades. Please send all application inquiries to: Pete Weening, Principal, R.R.1, Jarvis, Ont. N0A 1J0, or phone: 587-4444 or 428-0887.

KINGSTON: The Kingston Chr. School will be needing a teacher coming September for a combined grade 4 and 5. Preference will be given to an applicant with a major or minor in science. Kingston is situated at the junction of Lake Ontario and the St.Lawrence in scenic Eastern Ontario. The city has excellent facilities, including Queen's University (with a faculty of education). Please apply to Mr. William R. Rang, principal, Kingston Chr. School, Wright Cres., Kingston, Ont.

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

NEWMARKET: Holland Marsh-Springdale Christian School invites applications for teaching in the primary and intermediate grades. Send applications and inquiries to: Mr.J.Van Breda, principal, Holland Marsh Christian School, R.R.#2, Newmarket, Ont. L3Y 4V9. Tel.416-775-3701 or 705-737-0957.

OTTAWA: The Ottawa Christian School invites teachers to apply for September 1977/78. Areas of need are grade 2-5, Remedial and French instruction. Please forward all inquiries to Mr.Huber Huyer, principal. The Ottawa Chr.School, 2191 Benjamin Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2A 1P6.

OWEN SOUND: The Timothy Christian School in Owen Sound, Ont. invites applications for a possible teaching position in the primary grades. Write to: Timothy Christian School, Box 820, Owen Sound, Ont.

ST.THOMAS: Ebenezer Chr.School St.Thomas will have a grade 1 and 2 combination vacancy and a combined 5 and 6 vacancy, for Sept. 1977. Please direct inquiries to: principal Mr. John Pouli, 77 Fairview Ave., St.Thomas, Ont. N5R 4X7. Phone: (519)633-0690.

SARNIA CHR. SCHOOL

We will have an opening in the primary grades. Please direct all inquieries to: Mr. G. Duthler, principal, Sarnia Chr. School, 1273 Exmouth St., Sarnia, Ont. N7S 1W9. Telephone: (519) 344-4562 (school).

STRATHROY: Calvin Chr.School invites applications for a possible opening in Grade one. Part time French position is also available. Please contact: H.Vander Vecht, principal, Calvin Chr.School, 48 York St., Strathroy, Ont. N7G 2E5. Tel. (519) 245-1934 (school) or (519) 245-1658 (res.)

THUNDER BAY: Thunder Bay Christian School requires teaching principal for grade 8 and a teacher for the higher grades for Sept.1977. For inquiries contact: P.Zandstra, secr., R.R.#3, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7C4V2. Tel. 807-939-2377.

TORONTO: Immanuel Christian School needs a teacher for the Upper Primary (grades 3/4) level for 1977/78. Informal structure, integrated curriculum. Send applications and resumes to Mr.J.Kamerman, 65 Kentish Cres., Agincourt, Ont. M1S 2Z3

TRENTON: Trenton Chr. School will need a teacher for the grade 2/3 level for the 1977-78 school year. Please address your application or inquiries to Mr. J. Vreugdenhil, Principal, Trenton Chr. School, 20 Fourth Ave. Trenton, Ont. K8V 5N3. Tel. (613) 392-3600.

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ALBERTA

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ALBERTA

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Teachers Wanted

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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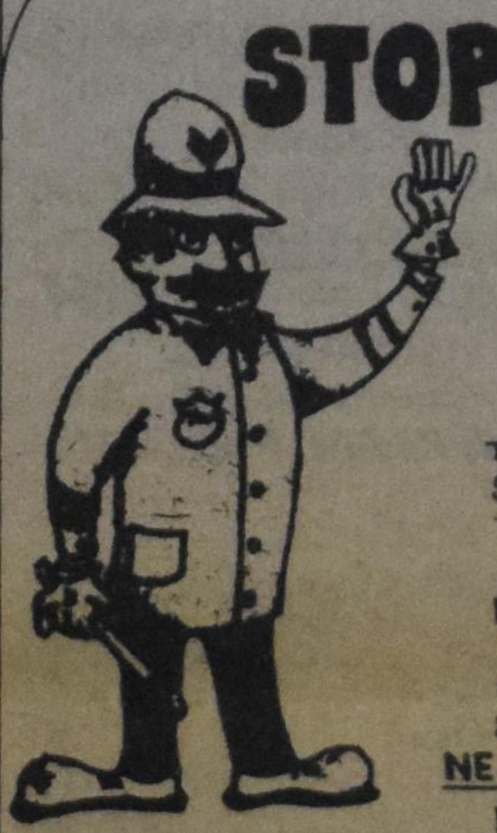

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